Department of Finance

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Legal Title

Financial Responsibility Penalty Account

Legal Citation/Authority

Chapter 1494, Statutes of 1985

Insurance Code section 12980

Fund Classification

GAAP Basis

Governmental/Special Revenue Funds

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Governmental/General Fund Special Accounts

Purpose

A depository for penalty fees to be expended for matters including, but not limited to, automobile insurance and financial responsibility of vehicle owners and operators.

Administering Agency/Organization Code

Department of Motor Vehicles/Org 2740 and Department of Insurance/Org 0845

Major Revenue Source

Penalty fees imposed to restrict a person's driving privilege in lieu of suspending a person's driving privileges.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)

The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated to the Department of Insurance to be allocated for 1) investigative services from complaints by licensees of the Department of Insurance (\$50,000) and, 2) for administrative costs of the Department of Motor Vehicles in performing required notifications (\$50,000). The unused portion of this appropriation at July 1, 1986 shall revert to the Financial Responsibility Penalty Account in the General Fund. The balance in this fund on July 1st of each year which is not subject to appropriation shall revert to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority

Section 12980 of the Insurance Code provides that the moneys in the account shall be expended upon appropriation.

State Appropriations Limit

Always Excluded – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from penalties.

Comments/Historical Information

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